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TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 140 DISTRICT DES TRANSPORTS 140

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
Association internationale des machinistes et des travailleurs et travailleuses de l'aérospatiale

TO ALL IAMAW MEMBERS AIR CANADA COVID-19 TEMPERATURE CHECKS AT THE AIRPORTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The District 140 held a meeting with Air Canada's labour relations representatives last Friday July 31st. The purpose was to discuss various items including the latest Transport Canada Covid-19 temperature check protocol for airport employees recently imposed last week.

The union was advised that the company will be using its sick day policy to cover members who register a high temperature and have their RAIC ceased while they go for testing even if their tests come back negative. The union is opposed to this measure as members are being forced to use sick days when they themselves are not claiming to be sick and a 3rd party is blocking access to their work place. Furthermore, only frontline employees are being subjected to this and not employees who do not work behind security lines.

A policy grievance has been filed and we will be pushing to address this issue as quick as possible. We understand more than most the importance of keeping safe and healthy but the union will object to policies and measures that don't necessarily address safety issues and take away hard earned money from our families, especially during these pandemic times.

The Government and Air Canada love to claim we are essential either directly to the public or to the economy. During this pandemic, this statement has been used and reused over and over. Asking to be treated with respect and dignity as an essential worker is not much to ask!

In solidarity,

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